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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM

ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN

NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS

Examiner: L. M. Schillinger

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.